

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Harold M. Forman

For: COMPOSITE WEB FOR MAKING RESEALABLE PACKAGES AND RECLOSABLE
SEALS

Divisional Application of Application Serial No. 09/693,963, filed 10/23/2000

Group Art Unit 3727

Examiner: Jes F. Pascua

DECLARATION IN DIVISIONAL APPLICATION DISCLAIMING INVENTION
BY ONE OF JOINT APPLICANTS

I, Trevor G. Smith, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, do declare as follows:

That I am the applicant who with Harold M. Forman on October 23, 2000 jointly filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on an improvement in RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS, above identified as Serial No. 09/693,963, and which is now pending;

That I am a joint inventor only of the subject matter defined by the method and apparatus claims 45 to 71 of the parent application Serial No. 09/693,963, and not of the subjects matter defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application of the aforesaid application 09/693,963, which composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application are the sole invention or inventions of Harold M. Forman;

That this Declaration is necessitated because of the separation of inventions caused by the restriction requirements set forth by the Examiner in the Office Actions dated August 15, 2001 and November 5, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, I, Trevor G. Smith, disclaim as my invention or inventions the invention or inventions defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application which are the sole invention or inventions of Harold M. Forman, and I request that the inventorship be so corrected.

Dated: December 12, 2001


Trevor G. Smith

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DECLARATION BY JOINT APPLICANT CLAIMING SOLE INVENTION

Harold M. Forman, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of
Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, declares as follows:

That he is the applicant who with Trevor G. Smith on October 23, 2000 jointly
filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States Patent and Trademark
Office on an improvement in RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND
APPARATUS, above identified as Serial No. 09/693,963, and which is now pending;

That he is a joint inventor of the subject matter defined by the method and
apparatus claims 45 to 71 of said application Serial No. 09/693,963 and is the sole
inventor of the subjects matter defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11;

That this Declaration is necessitated because of the separation of inventions
caused by the restriction requirements set forth by the Examiner in the Office Actions
dated August 15, 2001 and November 5, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, I, Harold M. Forman, declare that the invention or inventions
defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 are my sole invention.

Dated: December 12, 2001



Harold M. Forman

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §305(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

| U.S. Parent Application Number | PCT Parent Number | Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Parent Patent Number (if applicable) |
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Name of Sole or First Inventor: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name: HAROLD Middle Initial: M Family Name: FORMAN Suffix e.g. Jr.:

Inventor's Signature: Harold M. Forman Date: 12/12/01

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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.48 BEING FILED
CONCURRENTLY WITH THE FILING OF A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney hereby Petition the Honorable
Commissioner of Patents to delete one of the inventors, namely, Trevor G. Smith as an
inventor in the above-referenced patent application which is a Divisional of Parent, Serial
No. 09/639,963.

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This Divisional Patent Application is directed to Claims 1-11 of the parent application and is entitled "COMPOSITE WEB FOR MAKING RESEALABLE PACKAGES AND RECLOSABLE SEALS". This Divisional Patent Application is directed to Claims 1-11 of the parent application which is the sole invention of Harold M. Forman.

This Petition is necessitated due to the fact that there was a separation of invention caused by Restriction Requirements set forth by the Examiner in USPTO Actions dated 15 August 2001 and 5 November 2001.

Attached to this Petition are the following papers:

- (1) Declaration of Trevor G. Smith disclaiming the invention directed to Claims 1-11 of this patent application; and
- (2) Declaration by Harold M. Forman claiming sole inventorship of Claims 1-11 which is the subject matter of the Divisional Patent Application being filed; and
- (3) A Substitute Declaration executed by Harold M. Forman for the attached Divisional Patent Application directed to Claims 1-11 of the parent application as filed; and
- (6) A check in the amount of \$130.00 which is incorporated in the check for \$870.00 attached to this Divisional Patent Application filing which incorporates the large entity filing fee for a utility U.S. Patent Application and the \$130.00 Petition Fee for Correction of Inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,



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